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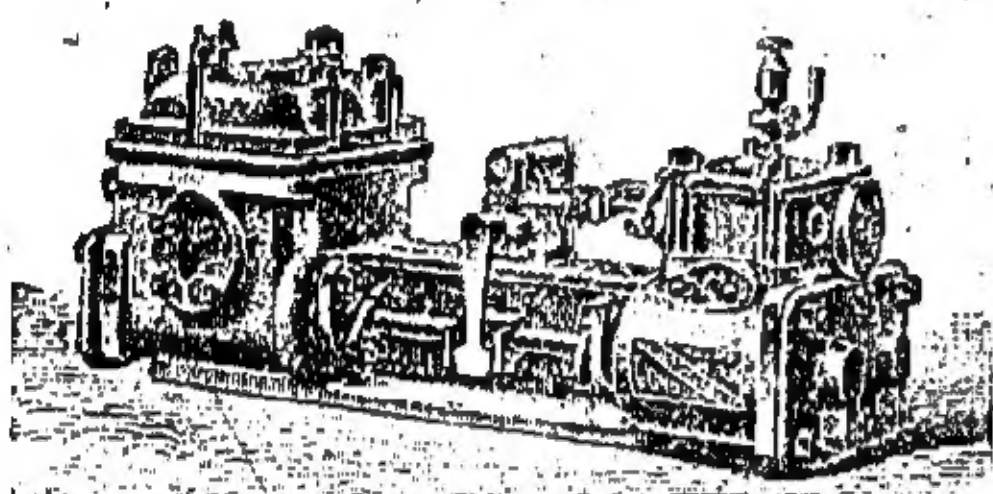
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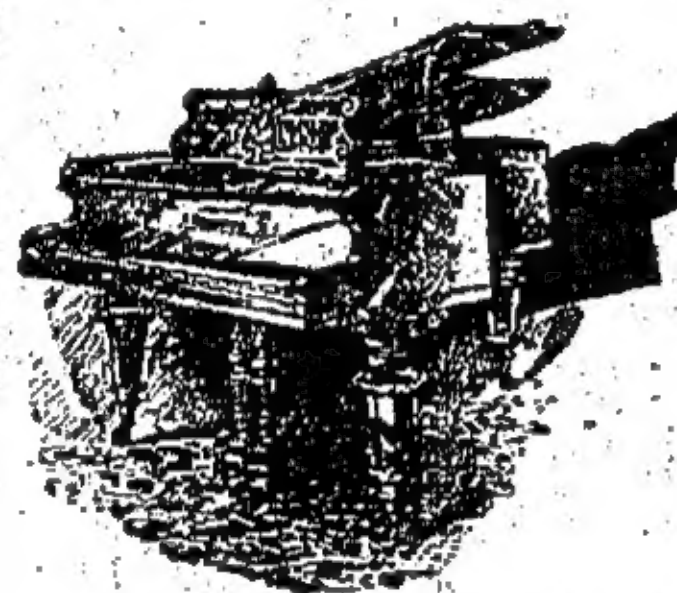
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NOTICE is hereby given that an
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MEETING of the Hongkong Hotel Com-
pany, Limited, will be held at the Com-
pany's Hotel on TUESDAY, the 24th
April, 1900, at 12 o'clock (Noon), when
the subjoined resolution which was passed
at the Extraordinary General Meeting of
the Company held on the 8th day of
March, 1900, will be submitted for con-
sideration as a special Resolution.
That the New Regulations already ap-
proved by this meeting, and for the
purpose of identification subscribed by
the Chairman thereof, be and the
same, hereby approved, and that
such Regulations be, and the same
are hereby adopted as the Regula-
tions of the Company to the exclusion
of all the existing Regulations there-
of.
A copy of the proposed New Regulations
may be seen at the Company's Office, and
can be obtained by application to the
Undersigned.
Dated Hongkong, the 2nd day of April,
1900.
By Order of the Board,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a
MEETING of the Board of Directors
of the above Company, held at the Re-
gistered Office of the Company, Queen's
Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on
Tuesday the Twenty-Seventh of March,
1900, the following resolutions were
passed:-
1. That in pursuance of the provisions
of the Special Resolution passed at an
Extraordinary General Meeting of the
Company held on the 7th and 8th March
1900, and confirmed on the 27th March
1900, and since duly registered,
the sum of \$1,250,000 be withdrawn
from the Reserve Fund and be
carried as of the 2nd July next,
to the Credit of Capital Account, and
each share being entitled with a
sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in
addition to the sum of \$50 now
standing to the credit of each share.
2. That the balance of \$25 per share
of the Unpaid Capital of the Com-
pany be called up, and that a Call
thereon is hereby made of \$25 per
share upon all the shares of the
Company, and that the Share-
holders be requested to pay the
same to the Company's Bankers,
the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation, at their premises,
Queen's Road Central, on or before
the 2nd day of July A.D. 1900.
Shareholders are hereby requested to pay
accordingly.
And notice is also given that, in ac-
cordance with Article 34 of the Company's
Articles of Association, interest will be
charged on the said 2nd day of July
1900, at the rate of \$12 per centum per
annum, upon all Calls remaining unpaid
after the 2nd day of July 1900, up to the
actual date of payment of the same.
By Order of the Board,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 27, 1900.

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Hongkong, April 19, 1900.

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHARES in this Company on which a
CALL of \$1 was made PAYABLE on
the 2nd day of March, 1900, and which
said Call has not yet been paid, are liable
to be forfeited in accordance with the
Articles of Association of the Company.
Interest at the rate of 10 per cent. p.a.
will be charged on all Overdue Calls.
W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the
SECOND INSTALLMENT of 85
per SHARE in respect of the 50,000 NEW
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of such Shares who have not already paid
this Installment are requested to pay the
amount of such Call to the Undersigned at
the Office of the Company No. 9, Praya
Central on or before the 30th April, 1900.
Dated 27th March, 1900.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP
NUMBER 240 for 15 SHARES of
the Company, Numbered 2599, 2599A, in
the name of PAUL JORDAN, Esquire,
of Hongkong, has been LOST, a New
Scrip for the same will be issued after One
month from the date hereof, and the
Original Scrip will be considered by the
Company as null and void, and all Persons
are hereby warned against accepting or
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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
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Hongkong, March 27, 1900.

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and dated the 20th May, 1899, in the name
of 'KUNG WA OHUN', of Hongkong,
having been LOST, a New Scrip for the
same will be issued after One Month from
the date hereof, and the Original Scrip
will be considered by the Company as null
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By Order,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 30, 1900.

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Hongkong, April 17, 1900.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that SCRIP
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BURNSIDE ARTHUR, Esquire, of Hong-
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TELEGRAMS.

ed, was the Surveyor General. Having been quoted section 17 of that Ordinance his Lordship said that, no doubt, this was the very case that was contemplated by the Ordinance. That was to say those who were building operations going on there was a public building and that the operations were occurring at the same time during the progress of the operations, and the Ordinance said that such a state of things shall not take place under the sanction in writing of the Surveyor General and the Director of Public Works.

The Attorney General (Mr W. McGeer Goodson)—The latter part of that section is not in the Ordinance. It is in the Regulations. His Lordship—There is a specific direction there that, in the course of this erection

tion or repair of buildings, due care is to be taken that such channel is not to be obstructed by the hoarding or the building material. Continuing, his Lordship said that this indictment looked on the face of it to be a contravention of this section of the law. By section 77 of the Ordinance nuisances under the Ordinance were defined and amongst others, nuisances were de-

ordinance was contravened. It was quite clear then that, coupling Section 57 with Section 77 (paragraph 3), leaving building materials in the side channel, while building was being erected or repaired, was a nuisance within the meaning of the Ordinance. The question arose, seeing

that the indictment seemed framed under the Buildings Ordinance of 1889, whether that being so an Inspector of Nuisance—an officer of the Sanitary Board—had any jurisdiction or power in respect of such offence. Ho (His Lordship) confessed that he was unable to see that the Inspector had any such authority. On examination of the Ordinance he could not

find that Inspectors of Nuisances were vested with powers in any way regard to these nuisances, and it would be necessary, of course, that legislation or regulations be made with a view to vesting them with powers of the kind under the Building Ordinance, and if they were to have powers under that Ordinance it would be necessary to legislate.

power specified. Although therefore this indictment might show an offence under the Building Ordinance, it did not show the prosecutor, or Inspector of Nuisances was acting in pursuance of any power conferred on him by law. His Lordship then briefly referred to the 'Good Order and Cleanliness Ordinance' of 1864.

which deals with a large number of nuisances which might be described more or less as being public nuisances, affecting, not the public health but the public convenience. Quoting a passage from the enactment of 1845 in which it stated that persons would be liable to a penalty who set out, or left any scaffolding, bricks, lime boxes, or cases of merchandise, or any other

matter; or any thing which shall in any way obstruct the thoroughfare, his Lordship said that it was quite clear that bridges were in question. According to the indictment they were left on the channel at the side of the street, and no doubt they would obstruct. That would be a nuisance within the meaning of the enactment but there was a special

procedure pointed out in regard to persons in this connection, and that procedure was that any constable belonging to the Police Force might without warrant take the offender into custody, or, if the offender was committed out of view of the constable, any party injured or inconvenienced might make a complaint.

As he had previously said the Ordinance covered a large number of nuisances affecting the public order and public convenience and the question arose whether Inspectors of Nuisances had jurisdiction. Under the Ordinance, it was quite clear that jurisdiction would be quite outside the scope of their general function. He thought, before it could be found that an Inspector

Nuisances had jurisdiction or power in respect of any matter under the Ordinance, it would be necessary to show that that jurisdiction or power was. There was nothing of that kind before him and he could not hold, as the matter stood, that an Inspector of Nuisances could select any of the nuisances in the Ordinance and hold that he had power in respect of them as

proceeded to put the power into force. His Lordship thought that that would not be in accordance with the law. In this case it was not shown that there was any law to support the allegation in the indictment, that in requesting the removal of this obstruction from the public street the prosecutor was acting as a public servant.

Nuisances—that he had jurisdiction to make that request and to take proceedings in respect of this obstruction. His Lordship thought therefore, that, in the face of the indictment, there was no law to support this material allegation which would be necessary if a trial took place. Mr. Stude's argument was well

found and the indictment disclosed no function cognisable by the law. I thought, therefore, that the result must be that the indictment must be quashed and the defendant discharged.

The Attorney General—I don't propose to file any other indictment. I could not alter the facts in any way. Some days ago, however, I felt the difficulty in filing

may say I was the ultimate in the case, and I had some doubt. However, I came to the conclusion that it would be better to leave the matter before your Lordship.

His Lordship then discharged Tseung from the bar and thanked the gentlemen, who had been summoned as jurymen, for their attendance.

Steamers Expected.
The U. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Pontinus* left Singapore on the afternoon of 16th April and is due in Hongkong on 21st April.
The N. Y. K. Co.'s *Asaichi Maru* left Singapore for this port on the 18th April and is expected to arrive on the 24th.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Kagashima Maru* left Kobe, via Moji for this port on the 18th April, and is expected to arrive here on the 25th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Binjo Maru* left Kobe, via Moji for this port on the 18th April, and is expected to arrive here on the 25th April.

The Gibb steamer *Airtie*, from Sydney &c. left Port Darwin on the 18th April, for Manila and Hongkong.

The N. P. Co's s.s. *Daisy Foster* left arrived at Yokohama, and sails for Kobe on the 6th April.

The N. P. Co's s.s. *Saint Irene* left arrived at Yokohama, and sails for Manila on the 6th April.

The Cal. & O. S. Co. s.s. *Carlisle* left San Diego on 17th March.

Latest Advelos.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Yamato* (the Australian Line) left Nagasaki for this port on the 20th April, and is expected to arrive on the 27th.

The s.s. *Singapore*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on Friday the 20th April, at 5 p.m.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of Japan*, left Vancouver for Hongkong, via usual ports of call, on Thursday afternoon, the 19th April.

NEW SURVEY OF THE CHINA COAST.

(Continued.)

The discovery of uncharted rocks now and then brings very badly before us, shipowners, insurance companies, the travelling public and last but not least, H.M. Navy, the hidden dangers to which ships are exposed in the partially-surveyed coast of China. Of the long list of pine-needle rocks scattered up and down the coast many have been discovered at the cost of the loss of many valuable ships—a deplorable chapter of accidents. Now, however, owing to the greater draught of steamers, especially men-of-war, the danger is enormously increased, but, fortunately, owing to the double bottom the loss of life is now much less than in the old days. The case of the I.G.S. Kaiser is an unfortunate but good example. She, by her accidents, has made some valuable discoveries, but at the expense of spending a great deal of her time in dock. Even in our well-surveyed harbour of Hongkong the deep draught tank steamers have recently been "picked up" rocks to the northward of Stonecutter's Island. Also the discovery of two rocks to the south of Nansha Island greatly detracts from the value of the anchorage there, which formerly used to be looked on as a commodious one. All honour to our early surveyors, who had much to contend against—such as small crews, no steam launches, often the hostility of the natives. The wonder is that they did their work so well. That England should be called upon to take a re-survey of the whole coast of China is surmountable. Why not have "spheres of influence," why should not each nation, which has important trading interests, take a proportionate share in the work of surveying? That China herself should make a survey of her coast is hardly to be expected. I am afraid too that we should have very little confidence in the result unless it is under the supervision of Europeans. But if an Imperial decree were issued by the Chinese Government, making the headmen of the coast towns and fishing villages responsible for giving information concerning uncharted rocks in their own vicinity, I feel sure that some startling discoveries would be made. All patches of rock, perhaps without exception, I believe, are known to the fishermen either as a good place for line fishing, or as a place to be avoided by the trawl. And I am told that every sunken wreck is quickly located by the fishermen. It stands to reason that a people who have fished and sailed on their coast for time immemorial must know well whatever rocks there are in their own neighbourhood.

The deplorable carelessness of the Chinaman is the great stumbling block. Although a Pine-needle Rock land was started some years ago in Hongkong it seems to have done next to nothing, for the simple reason that in the case of a fisherman reporting a sunken rock known to his neighbours, he would have to divide the reward with them, so that his own share would be so trifling as not to be worth his while to report. Our surveying ship has always been looked upon with suspicion, and never seems to have got into touch with well-informed natives. The Customs Cruiser is little better, for it is engaged in suppressing smuggling and piracy, and is decidedly unpopular.

Invariably when a vessel comes to grief on a submerged rock the local fishermen say—"We told you so, for generations this rock has been known to us." The rock on which the S.S. *Nansha* struck in the Hainan Straits was well known to the junk people, and, shameful to say, to the local Chinese gunboats. The Lorne rock off Hainan Island, on which the S.S. *Lorne* struck, when hundreds of Chinese and nearly all of the European officers were drowned, was also well known locally. The search made for this rock by our gunboats and by the Customs Cruisers was for a long time fruitless. It was only recently located by Captain Eldridge, of the R.C. *Kaituma*, who failed at first in spite of offers of reward, but at last with great success in getting a local junk master to guide him to the rock. It was only the other day that the Americans lost a fine ship in an uncharted rock off the Philippines; and during the French and Japanese occupation of the Pescadores in the years 1885 and 1896 respectively, their ships struck many uncharted rocks with more or less damage. The locating of these hidden dangers I regard as of national importance. Should one of our deep draught battleships rip her bottom out and founder, away goes a million of money, and probably many hundreds of valuable lives. If it should happen in a time of war, who can estimate the possible disasters which might result from the temporary disablement, not to mention the total loss, of a battleship on a distant station.

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Her Most Gracious Majesty, the Queen has a Counsel on the West River who is ultra-particular, and who does not believe in the efficacy of filters for purifying the water of the noble stream which rolls by the walls of Wuchow. He gets his drinking water sent up from the pure—or otherwise—sources of Tientsin, Peking or elsewhere—the Island of Frongal Stream, and when the resource fails him, uses Watson's soda water to make his soup with. The common or garden water is sent up to him in two square iron tanks, the top of which the Chinese passengers consider quite luxurious sleeping accommodation. A recent visitor to the Far West has expressed to the firm his opinion that *hotter skin* is all right with whisky, but that it decidedly interferes with the flavour of soup, to the last named's prejudice.

When the mountain won't come to Mahomet, the latter goes to the mountain. The failure to provide a school for European children in Kowloon, despite gifts of land and money, has induced the Sisters of the Italian Convent to come forward and fill the vacancy. A school for preliminary instruction has been started by them on the Peninsula, in a bungalow near the officer's mess. Whether the school develops or not, depends upon the support it receives.

Gussy, whose poetic mind yearns for solitude, has bought one of those wooden framework houses—a specimen of which was lately on view opposite the sea-facade of the Hongkong Hotel—dumped it down on a secluded spot at the back of the rifle range and has taken out a squatter's license. He is of opinion that he will be able to grind out his slush more rapidly being thus isolated, so we may expect to hear from Gussy in the near future. We believe that three of these convenient structures have been secured for the use of the staff of the I. M. C. at outlying stations, and that it is probable they will be used in the new territory for the European staff.

The Soldiers' Club, recently opened by H. K. General Gussington, marks a distinct step in the right direction. To ensure the soldier and sailor against the wiles of the low drinking dens of the West End of our most unwholesome city, is a point gained. If only Tommy Atkins will continue to regard it as a boon and a blessing. The officers, headed by the General Commanding, have come forward in no niggard spirit, and have given the soldier, the sailor, and the volunteer the benefit of a Club conducted on the same lines as the same advantages they themselves (the officers) possess. If our gentlemen in khaki do not appreciate the boon, the fault will be with themselves alone, and they will have deserved less than they have received.

What price Hongkong Volunteers? Although the Government, in its infinite wisdom, has refused to accept our loyal offer of fifty men and a Maxim for service in South Africa, it is satisfactory to know that some of us get there all the same. One of the Hayward boys was early at the front and was wounded, and the firm now learn that Mr J. S. Sanderson, late of the Tai Yick Fong, is going south with the Army Medical Staff Corps. Luck to you, Jack, and we trust that the badge on your arm will never become a target for Boer bullets.

The firm note that the P.W.D. dredger was largely employed during the year removing the accumulations of city refuse dumped into the harbour at the dust boat stations. Now, why in the name of Mafeking, are not those stations removed from the harbour limits? It seems an absurd waste of both time and money to plunk a thing down in one place for the special purpose of removing it afterwards. If it is not practicable to do what the firm suggest, why not start incinerators? The residue from these would be eagerly bought up by cultivators. Truly we seem very slow in Hongkong.

Mr. Editor, we, the firm, give you credit for the possession of that quality known as common-sense and, we believe, rightly so, in the main, but your sweeping assertions, at times, as it were, a little bit off the mark. Because the firm of Oods, Son and Mathews have undertaken the construction of our new Pedder's Wharf, at a cost exceeding £10,000, is that a reason to be rendered why it should be worthy of the great shipping port of Hongkong? You did not make this assertion yourself, but you continued it by giving publicity to it was comment, thereby implying that you agreed with it. The Director of Public Works is an able and energetic man, and one with knowledge, foresight, of the work with which he has to deal, and he must have heard of failures in the construction of breakwaters and piers undertaken by the firm engineering our Pedder's Wharf. There were the Alga Bay and East London breakwaters, both of which could scarcely be regarded as successes and, nearer China, the Colombo harbour works, which have cost considerably more than the original estimate and are not yet completed. However, as Pedder's Wharf is a mere open work from jerry, its ultimate utility may be looked upon as assured, and it, certainly, has the advantage of being planned and constructed by the greatest marine engineering firm in the world.

The spectacle of a batch of individuals guilty of moral turpitude, or of minor offences against the laws of the realm, waiting their turn to be sent up and nobody on hand to jug them, is an uncommon one, even in this Island of contradictions and queer occurrences. It is to be hoped that the Acting Police Magistrate, when he turned up the next day, let the poor buggers off lightly. There is an old maxim, if our memory serves us, running thusly: *Fid justitia, non colum*, and even Bank holidays cannot be allowed to interfere with this dictum.

Mr. C. Vivian Ladd is very much in evidence just now. Not content with hunting the malarial mosquito and arranging for his extermination, he has proceeded to the discussion of the food question, somewhat on the lines indicated by the firm in these notes, and it is very instructive reading and satisfactory to every person but the unfortunate consumer of the middle and poorer class to know that muck-raking in Hongkong is not confined to private individuals, but that even the Government have a flying at it occasionally and have thus received in rent for stalls at the Western Market nearly three times the original cost of the building. Go on, Mr. Ladd, you are doing good work, though scarcely in the curriculum of a Veterinary Surgeon's training.

There seems to be a lot of weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth over the Chinese address to the People's Thomas, and a good deal of wholesale contradiction. Would it be as well to drop the discussion? The address has been presented, by whom engineered it matters little, with the questionable tact of some of the statements therein contained has received all the attention it deserves at the hands of the press and the public.

The firm remarked, some time ago, on the leathery attempt of M. Gossion to pull a junk home for exhibition in Paris, and it is now considered to note that the man was not such a fool as his avowed intention would stamp him to be, and that he is now getting his Chinese craft towed towards the place of its destination. Had he persisted, people might have been tempted to comment as we were tempted to comment on the occasion of the Chinese junk, that there was no truth in the rumour that negotiations with the Chinese Government in reference to a revision of the Tariff were being pushed on rapidly.

This letter had, the Secretary reported, already been published in the local Press for general information.

In connection with the above subject, a letter had been received from the Acting Colonial Secretary, enclosing a letter from the Hon. Mr. J. S. Sanderson, suggesting that merchant vessels should take only one route from Shanghai to sea, along which they would have the protection of gunboats, and asking the Chamber's opinion on the route named.

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HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At the monthly meeting of the General Chamber of Commerce, held at 3.15 p.m. on Wednesday, the 18th April, 1900—Present: Messrs. R. M. Gray (Chairman), A. Haupt, Hon. T. J. Kewick, N. A. Siebs, Herbert Smith, and R. C. Wilcox (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous monthly meeting (held 12th March) were read and confirmed.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE.—The Secretary reported that Messrs. H. Ritchie and A. McMahonie quitted their seats on the 28th and 29th March respectively, and that Mr. T. H. Whitcomb on the 15th April, and that Sir Thomas Jackson had gone on six months' leave.

The impotence of the annual meeting rendered unnecessary any consideration of these vacancies on the committee.

THE REDUCTION OF CABLE RATES.—Read letter from the Hon. Mr. J. S. Sanderson, dated 23rd February, acknowledging receipt of Chamber's circular letters of 10th August and 6th October, and enclosing copy of a resolution passed at their last committee meeting on the subject of cable rates.

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To-day's Advertisements

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP GLENOCLE,
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THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside the Steamer.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Loading.
Australian Ports	Tainan (s)	Batterfield & Swire	April 20, at noon.
Australian Ports	Eastern (s)	Gibb, Livingstone & Co.	May 3, at 4 p.m.
Australian Ports	Yawata Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	April 27, at 4 p.m.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Prinz Heinrich (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	May 2, at noon.
Havre and Hamburg	Koukoku (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	April 24, at noon.
Havre and Hamburg	Patrocks (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	May 10, at noon.
Havre and Hamburg	Sarnia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About May 22.
Iloilo & Cebu	Esmeralda (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About May 8.
Liverpool	Ision (s)	Batterfield & Swire	April 30.
London & Ports of Call	Bengal (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	April 25, at noon.
London & Ports of Call	Alcides (s)	Batterfield & Swire	May 15.
London & Ports of Call	Patrocks (s)	Batterfield & Swire	May 23.
Manila	Tainan (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	April 23.
Manila	Momun (s)	Batterfield & Swire	April 24, at 5 p.m.
Manila	Sunghing (s)	Batterfield & Swire	April 27.
Manila	Yawata Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	April 24, at 4 p.m.
Manila	Yura (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	April 24, at 1 p.m.
Manila	Moji, Kobe & Y. Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	April 24, at noon.
New York	George T. Hay	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	June 9, at noon.
New York & Suez Canal	St. Regulus (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	About April 27.
Portland, Oregon	Bransard (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	April 24, at 3 p.m.
San Diego & Japan	Carlsbad City (s)	Batterfield & Swire	April 30.
S. Francisco & Japan	Carlsbad City (s)	Batterfield & Swire	April 30.
S. Francisco & Japan	China (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	May 1, at noon.
S. Francisco & Japan	Hongkong Maru (s)	Byo Kisen Kaisha	May 15, at noon.
Shanghai	Coromandel (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About April 27.
Shanghai	Kant (s)	Batterfield & Swire	April 24.
Singapore & N. B.	Shikawa Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	April 24, at noon.
Singapore & N. B.	Moita Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	April 24, at noon.
Singapore, Bombay, & C.	Kagashima Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	April 27, at noon.
Swatow, Amoy & C.	Tanaka Maru (s)	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	April 24, at noon.
Tacoma (Wash.) & C.	Breenahire (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	April 25, at noon.
Vancouver (B.C.) & C.	Empress of India (s)	Canadian P. & O. Co.	April 25, at noon.
Yokohama	Owa Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	April 25, at 4 p.m.
Y. Maru, N. B.	Rosetta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About April 28.

To-day's Advertisements

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Offices of the Company, 38 and 40 Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 30th April, 1900, at Noon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving the Draft New REGULATIONS, which will be submitted to the Meeting, and in the event of the approval thereof with or without modifications, to consider and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to the effect that the New REGULATIONS, already approved by the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification, subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby approved, and that such REGULATIONS be, and they are hereby adopted as the REGULATIONS of the Company, to the exclusion of all the existing REGULATIONS thereof.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Directors.

Hongkong, April 21, 1900. 919

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM KOBE & MANILA.

THE Steamship *Manila*, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 28th Inst., or they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 28th Inst. will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WILKIE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 21, 1900. 920

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
April 21.
Hermes, Norwegian, str., from Canton.

Marie Valerie, Austrian str., 2,048 A. Fellner, Kobe April 7, General—Sander, Wilkie & Co.

Glengyle, British steamer, 2,399, Frakes, Tacoma, U.S.A., March 21, General—DODWELL & Co., Ltd.

Formosa, British str., 674, J. D. Douglas, Swatow April 20, General—DODWELL & Co.

Peiping, German str., 653, R. Kohler, Hongkong April 18, Coal—Sander & Co.

Bennett, British steamer, 1,497, James Pottier, Saigon April 17, Rice—Gras, Laverriere & Co.

Phu Nang, British str., 1,021, A. S. Calder, Bangkok April 11, and Swatow 20, Rice and Timber—Molles & Co.

Norma, British 4-masted steamer, 1,909, D. McDonnell, Cardiff via Anjer Oct. 4, Coal—Onyx.

Singapore, British steamer, 1,021, S. W. Moore, Manila April 18, Lump and Sugar—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Jazz, British str., 1,336, W. C. Lyett,

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